

PATENT**I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please replace claims 27 and 29-34 as shown below. Claims 1-26 are canceled. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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27. (Currently Amended): A method for updating a configuration specification of a computer, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving an e-mail from an administrator containing one or more sets of location settings encoded in an attachment;

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opening the attachment to the e-mail; and

writing location values corresponding to the one or more sets of location settings encoded in the attachment into the configuration specification of the computer, wherein the one or more sets of location settings are selectable during computer startup by the user.

28. (Previously presented): A method as in claim 27, wherein the e-mail includes a designation of a location name corresponding to the configuration specification; and wherein the configuration specification of the computer corresponds to the location name.

29. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 27, wherein the one or more sets of location settings are generically defined so as to apply to a variety of operating systems.

30. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 29, further comprising the steps of:
determining an operating system type for the computer; and
generating the location values by interpreting the one or more sets of location settings for the operating system type for the computer.

31. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 30, wherein the interpreting step is performed by referring to program logic which translates the one or more sets of location settings into location values as a function of the operating system type for the computer.

32. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 31, wherein the one or more sets of location settings specify internet settings.

33. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 31, wherein the one or more sets of location settings specify an internet protocol address, a domain name server configuration, a gateway, and a WINS configuration.

34. (Currently Amended): A method as in claim 31, wherein the one or more sets of location settings specify dialing settings or local area network settings.

PATENTII. EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants would like to thank Primary Patent Examiner Patrice Winder and Examiner Liang Che Alex Wang for taking the time to participate in a telephonic interview with Applicants' undersigned representative on October 25, 2004. During the interview, DynamicAccess® Technology, 3COM Technical Paper (hereafter, "DynamicAccess"), Davis et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,937,160 (hereafter, "Davis"), and Lennert et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,055,227 (hereafter, "Lennert"), were discussed. Applicants' representative discussed why DynamicAccess, Davis, and Lennert, alone, or in combination, do not teach or suggest writing location values corresponding to the location settings encoded in the attachment into the configuration specification of the computer, wherein the location settings are selectable during computer startup by the user.

Primary Examiner Winder and Examiner Wang agreed to allow claims 27-34 provided all references in these claims to "location settings" were changes to refer to "one or more sets of location settings." Accordingly, claims 1-26 have been canceled and the agreed amendments have been made in claims 27-34. These amendments were subsequently approved according to a voicemail message left on the telephone of Applicants' representative at approximately 12:00 P.M. PDT on October 25, 2004.

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